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City of Barrie

Final

Seniors Advisory Committee

Monday, February 28, 2022 | **10:00 AM** | **Virtual Meeting**

For consideration by the Finance and Corporate Services Committee on April 4, 2022.

The meeting was called to order by the Chair, D. Diello at 10:05 a.m. The following were in attendance for the meeting:

Present: 8 - Chairman D. Dellio
Councillor A. Kungl
G. Kavanagh
L. Ricardo
M. Malcolm
P. Sasco
P. Thiffault
E. McCraney

Absent: 2 - H. Stone
S. Turcott

STAFF:
Committee Support Clerk, B. Thompson
Recreation Programmer, H. Kenehan

ALSO PRESENT:
A. Malamis-Simalam, SnowAngels.

The Seniors Advisory Committee met and reports as follows:

SNOWANGELS

Adam Malamis-Simalam, SnowAngels provided a short presentation on the SnowAngels Canada.

Mr. Malamis-Simalam discussed slides concerning the following topics:

- An experiment of kindness: A free platform to connect volunteers with older adults or anyone in need;
- Seven years running, 5000 users, over 50 municipalities, and one person running support;
- The mandate of the platform is to strengthen neighbourhoods and connect people;
- Two volunteers for every client that signs up;
- How to contact the SnowAngels; and
- What the future holds: more focus groups and surveys, site accessibility, administrative system for organizations and municipalities to manage the platform.

Members of the Committee asked questions of Mr. Malamis-Simalam and received responses.

CANADIAN HEARING AID SOCIETY

This item was deferred to a future meeting.

AGE-FRIENDLY PLAN/SENIORS ADVISORY COMMITTEE MANDATE

The Committee discussed its mandate, a media plan, and the Age-Friendly Plan. It discussed the potential for requests to Council to re-establish the Committee that worked on the Age-Friendly Plan in the past, a motion to request that the Age-Friendly Plan be updated, a current status provided on the Age-Friendly Plan to tie into the need for staff resources, how to reach seniors that do not have access to technology through a senior's Town Hall or an event, as well as a change to the wording in the Committee's objectives within the Terms of Reference concerning opportunities to make Barrie a more senior friendly community.

SENIORS EVENTS/INFORMATION/UPDATES

Gwen Kavanagh discussed CAPR's Senior's Community Fund and indicated that they are still trying to reach both recipients and donors. She indicated that suggestions to bring awareness of the fund, such as sharing information on social media, are both welcomed and appreciated.

Heather Kenehan, Recreation Programmer provided that the recreation centres within the City have made registration and access to recreational programs more accessible. She indicated that there is no longer the requirement for pre-registration for most programs, health screening questions, or program capacity restrictions.

Councillor, A. Kungl discussed the Urban Pantry's monthly food baskets, which are delivered by volunteers. Councillor Kungl also commented on an outreach with the Legion on social activities and potential partnerships.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 12:00 p.m.

CHAIRMAN